

The Holiest of Weeks begins today.....

Today we hear the Passion of Christ proclaimed again for the first time this year, which is why today is known as 'Passion Sunday'.

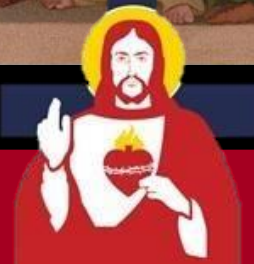
The word 'passion' means suffering..... to be compassionate means to 'suffer with' and our Lord is compassionate, He came to suffer with us and as one of us, most importantly of all He suffered for us.

Holy Mass begins today with the blessing of palm branches, and we gather as the crowd welcoming Jesus.

By the end of the Passion, we're no longer crying 'welcome! Hosannah Son of David!' instead we shout 'crucify Him' which is why we take the palm branches home and turn them into a cross. When God does what we tell Him to do we shout 'hosannah' when the answer to our prayers is 'no' we shout 'crucify!'.

Those palm crosses are burnt next year, making the ashes we receive on our forehead.

Let's pray for one another this Holy Week.



FROM
Community
TO
Communion

Parish Mission:

We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped & adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual discover the Lord who is waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle.



Holy Mass Times

Mon	10:00am
Tues	7:00pm
Wed	07:30am
Fri	12 Noon
Sat	6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun	10:00am

Confession Times

Tues	6:30pm
Sat	5:00pm
Sun	10.00am

Or 30mins before any Mass



Adoration Times:

Tues 6.00pm

Fri 11am

Sat 5pm

APRIL 2025

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13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Confessions 7pm	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Easter Vigil 
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Easter Tuesday	23 Easter Wednesday	24 Easter Thursday	25 Easter Friday	26 
27 Divine Mercy	28	29	30			

Important dates coming up:

17 th April	Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
18 th April	Good Friday 3:00pm
19 th April	Easter Vigil 8:30pm
27 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday

8th May VE DAY 80th Anniversary

22 nd June	First Holy Communion Mass
27 th June	Parish Feast Day

Holy Week extras:

Monday: Holy Mass 10am

Tuesday: Chrism Mass (St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth) 11am.
Last opportunity to go to Confession 7pm

Wednesday: Spy Wednesday – covering of the Statues

Thursday: Beginning the Triduum 7:30pm

Supporting the Parish:

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Passion / Plam Sunday

This Weekend we begin Holy Week – the holiest week of the year for us Catholics. It is really important that we are in church for the Triduum which is **Maundy Thursday** (7.30pm) **Good Friday** (3.00pm) and **Holy Saturday** (8.30pm).

Easter Duties

The Easter Duty requires us to go to Confession before the Triduum (Maundy Thursday) so that we can receive the Lord worthily (in a state of grace) at Easter.

The last opportunity to go to Confession before Maundy Thursday will be from 7pm on **Tuesday 15th April** and Fr John will continue to hear Confessions until the last person has had the opportunity to Confess.

Easter Octave

All weekday Masses for the Easter Octave will be at 10am.

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Blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place at 11am on Holy Saturday (19th April) at 11am.

Collection for the Easter Flowers

There will be a collection this weekend to help cover the costs involved in decorating the church for Eastertide. I'd like to thank (in advance) all those involved in working so hard preparing the church for the solemn celebrations ahead..... THANK YOU!



Divine Mercy Sunday

What did Jesus promise?

Jesus said to St Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*"

To help us fulfil these conditions there will be a Holy Hour on Sunday 27th April from 2:30pm.

**Adoration
Confessions
Veneration of the image
Sung Divine Mercy
Chaplet**

Come and immerse yourself in the Divine Mercy of God.

Chess club
First Saturday
11am

Quiz Night
First Saturday
8pm
(From May)

Parish Pipe
Band
Thursdays
7pm

Community
Pantry:
Mon 8am –
10am and 12-
2pm
Wed 8am –
9.30am
Fri 8am –
10am &
12.45-2pm

Baby &
Toddler every
Thursday
9.30am

Coffee Mon,
Wed & Fri 8am
-10am

Soups
Every Friday
12:30pm

Gardening
Team
Most
Saturdays

Have you been to Confession this month?



Holy Baptism
Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

Confirmation
our next session will be on **Sunday 11th May** after Mass

Holy Communion
our next session will be on **Saturday 4th May at 10am**

Confession
Tues 6pm
Fri 11am
Sat 5pm
or 30mins before any Mass

Holy Matrimony
It takes at least one year to prepare for marriage

Holy Orders
we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church

Last Rites
As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called



Passion / Palm Sunday: 6pm Sat (Vigil) 10am Sun

Jesus is welcomed as the 'Son of David'. People were crying 'hosannah' and tearing down palm branches from the trees to wave like flags, spreading their cloaks on the ground for Him to walk on.

Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper 7:30pm

During this Mass Jesus establishes two sacraments (1) the Priesthood and (2) Holy Communion. The Disciples become Apostles and Jesus washes their feet to demonstrate this change – a Disciple follows, an Apostle is sent. At the end of Mass Jesus leaves the church. The sanctuary is striped, and no sacraments can be celebrated.



Good Friday: the Death of Our Lord 3pm

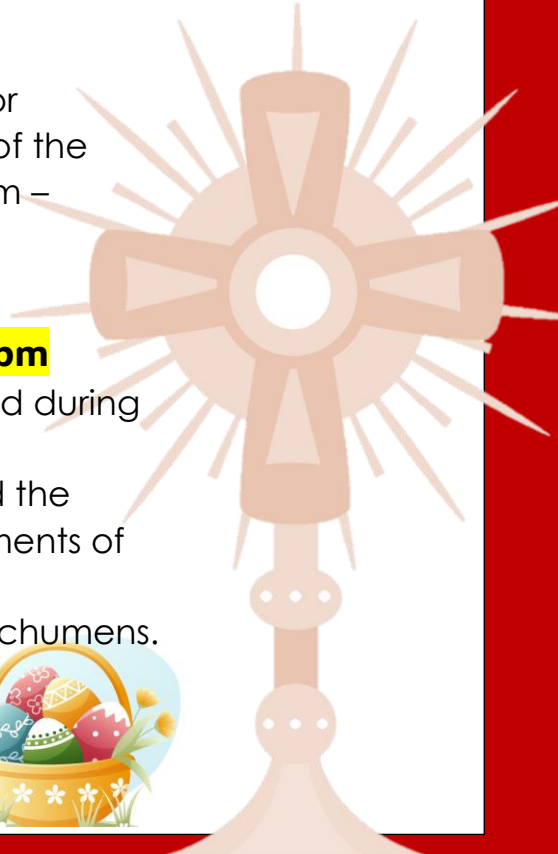
Today we honour the Lord's Passion (Latin for suffering) and Death. We will have Stations of the Cross at 11am and the solemn Liturgy at 3pm – the hour the Lord died.



Holy Saturday:

The most sacred night of the year 8.30pm

We gather in the darkness of the tomb and during this Mass we experience the Light of the Resurrection. The Easter Fire is blessed and the Paschal Candle consecrated. The Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) are celebrated for our catechumens.



Święconka 11am Sat 19th April

The church is open every day from 9am – 7pm for private prayer
How long have you spent in prayer this week?

School Governor opportunity

St Matthew's Primary School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Working closely with the Headteacher, the main responsibility of the governing body is to determine the aims and overall conduct of the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement. The specific duties of the governing body include setting staffing levels, setting and agreeing the school budget, ensuring that a broad and balanced curriculum is delivered, as well as monitoring health and safety and the management of the premises. It is also of the utmost importance that our Governors fully support the Christian ethos of the school. Please note that to become a Foundation Governor you will need to be a practising Christian. If this varied and important role is something that you are interested in, please contact Michelle Jenkins (Chair of Governors) michelle.jenkins@st-matthews.hants.sch.co.uk

Time for a coffee!

Coffee is served:

- Mon:** 8am – 10am
During Bible Study
12 – 2pm
- Wed:** 8am – 9:30am
- Fri:** 8am – 10am
During soups
- Sat:** After Stations



These times are ideal to have a chat with Father John or to get to know other parishioners. It's informal and relaxed. Pop in!



FAMILY DAY EASTER MONDAY

Come along!

Holy Mass 10am

Easter bonnet

workshop 11am

Easter bonnet

competition 12noon

Easter Egg hunt and

food 12:30pm

Saturday 12th April

Passion / Palm Sunday (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

10:00am

Adoration:

5:00pm

Confessions:

5:00pm-5:40pm

Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)

6:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday 13th April

Passion / Palm Sunday

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

People of the Parish

Monday 14th April

Holy Week

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass

10:00am

For a Holy Triduum

Tuesday 15th April

Holy Week

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to St Joseph

Chrism Mass: [St John's Cathedral Portsmouth](#) 11:00am

Confessions:

7:00pm

Wednesday 16th April

Spy Wednesday

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Holy Mass:

07:30am

Anne Cook RIP

Thursday 17th April

Maundy Thursday

Luminous Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Mass:

7:30pm

Priests of our diocese

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Cross

Stations of the Cross

11:00am

Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Death 3:00pm

Saturday 19th April

THE EASTER VIGIL

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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11:00am

Holy Mass:

8:30pm

Our Catechumens and their families

Sunday 20th April

EASTER SUNDAY

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass:

10:00am

People of the Parish

Weekday Masses for the Easter Octave 10am every day.

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